

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts — **Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI)** and **Education, Culture and Employment (ECE)**. ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

www.nwtartscouncil.ca

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at:

http://pwnhc.ca/programs/comm_programs_guidelines.asp#support

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Support for Entrepreneur and Economic Development (SEED) Policy. ITI, through the NWT Arts Branding Logo, also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional arts and fine crafts in the NWT. For more information please visit ITI's website at:

www.iti.gov.nt.ca/artscrafts

NWT ARTISTS DATABASE

If you are an NWT artist or organization who is interested in having a FREE online profile listed on the NWT Artists' Database, please contact us at:

**Phone Toll Free:
1-877-445- 2787 (ARTS)**

**E-mail: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or
Visit our website:
www.nwtarts.com**



ATTENTION ARTISTS AND TRADITIONAL FINE CRAFTERS WE CAN HELP YOU BUILD YOUR BRAND

Identify your artwork as created and produced in the Northwest Territories. Join with other artists and enroll in the NWT Arts Branding Logo Program to help market your art, fine craft or performances. This Program provides common visual identification and representation for all artists to market their arts and fine crafts.

Price tags, stickers, posters, tent cards and electronic copies of the logo are available for free to those who are registered with the Program.

For more information about the Program and how to join, please visit www.nwtarts.com, email nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or contact your local Industry, Tourism and Investment office tollfree at **1-877-445-2787 (ARTS)**.



ARTISTS' NEWSLINE

FALL/WINTER 2010/11



Antoine Mountain, standing in front of his newest painted mural "The Deline Fish Camp" on display at the Aurora College Campus building in Deline. - J. Thiemessen

SUMMER STUDENT CREATES ASPIRATIONS FOR THE YOUTH OF THE SAHTU

Fort Good Hope born artist, Antoine Mountain, has just completed his third summer student term working as an Arts and Crafts Coordinator with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment's Sahtu regional office. Antoine is a Fine Arts student attending the Ontario College of Arts and Design and is working to complete his Bachelors Degree in 2011.

Throughout the summer, Antoine worked closely with artists in each of the Sahtu communities by delivering programs and workshops that included collaborative mural projects. Antoine has played an instrumental role in coordinating and installing hand painted murals in the Sahtu communities of Norman Wells, Fort Good Hope, and Deline.

"I worked on this 6 x 20 foot Mural Painting of a traditional Dene fish camp along with a number of the local elders and the youth in Deline, NT (see above photo). The work itself depicts a time when our peoples lived in caribou-hide teepees and still used birch-bark canoes and willow roots to make their nets. Our elders say that these fragile nets had to be kept wet at all times so they would not dry out in the hot and constant summer sunlight.

As for the process of doing this work, I first produced a number of sketches and kept bringing them back to the elders, for corrections and additions. We were told that our ancestors did not peg the teepees down, but used rocks to anchor them, which can still be seen in Teepee Circles today. We also learned that larger boulders were heated with fires over them in the teepees during the day and, with the heat collected all day, would then allow for the teepee to be kept warm all night.



All of this, of course, was a great learning experience for myself and the many elders and youth involved."

NWT Arts Council Celebrates 25 years

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is continuing to make investments in the arts in accordance with the NWT Arts Strategy. Beginning in 2008-09, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) approved \$500,000 under the strategic initiative 'Maximizing Northern Opportunities' to increase support for the arts and to organizations that support the arts.

As part of this increased support, ECE developed four new programs:

- **Northern Film and Media Arts Contributions** – support the production and dissemination of film, video, audio and digital media works by Northern creators;
- **Northern Literary Arts Contributions** – support the publishing and dissemination of creative works by Aboriginal and Northern writers;
- **Northern Arts Mentorship Contributions** – support teaching and learning opportunities for Northwest Territories artists, craftspeople or performers; and
- **Northern Theatre Arts: Focus on Youth Contributions** – support and encourages the training and professional development of emerging theatre artists in the NWT.

For more information on these contributions, eligibility requirements, and how to apply please contact:

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E-mail: boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca

Website: http://pwnhc.ca/programs/comm_programs.asp

YELLOWKNIFE (August 31, 2010) – In the NWT Arts Council's 25th anniversary year, it announces \$500,000 in funding contributions for NWT artists and groups.

Since its inception in August 1985, the NWT Arts Council has received annual funding from the GNWT's Department of ECE to support over 1,000 Northern artists, arts organizations and festivals as they pursue creative activities in all artistic disciplines.

"This funding is part of the GNWT's commitment to the NWT Arts Strategy," said Jackson Lafferty, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. "The arts are a source of pride for all Northerners and contribute to our territory's unique culture. As Minister, I am very pleased to continue to support the NWT's artists, performers and events."

Seventy artists and groups from across the NWT were awarded funding for projects, including dance, film, storytelling, music, theatre, visual arts and crafts, writing, festivals, presentations, and creative skills development workshops.

Beauty of the Soul

Creating and enjoying art contributes to our quality of life in the North.

Since 1985, the NWT Arts Council has supported over 1,000 Northern artists to pursue artistic projects from visual arts to storytelling, writing, film, dance, music, theatre and festivals.

To celebrate the NWT Art Council's 25th Anniversary, workshops, public forums and community events are planned throughout 2010 showcasing and promoting Northern artists.

Please take time getting to know our talented artists. Let them know how much you appreciate their contributions to culture in our communities.

*Hon. Jackson Lafferty, Minister
Education, Culture and Employment*

For more information on arts in the North, visit www.nwtartscouncil.ca

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ARTS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

People in the Northwest Territories (NWT) love to get together and celebrate. The NWT is home to a variety of unique festivals and events that celebrate and showcase the diversity of our people, culture and arts.

Visit: www.nwtarts.com for more events listings.

NWT ARTS WEEK

September 10-26, 2010

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7th annual Arts Week celebrations and Exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Two weeks of art centered activities including demonstrations, workshops, lectures, forums, seminars, studio tours, and a meet and greet reception.

Web: www.auroaraarts.ca

COMMUNITY ARTS AND CRAFTS CRISTMAS SALE

November 19, 2010

FORT SMITH

A great shopping opportunity for that original gift from an original place. Arts and fine craft displays by local Fort Smith artists. Come meet the artists
Phone: 867-872-2859

GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

November 26-27, 2010

INUVIK

Find the perfect northern gift when the Great Northern Arts Society presents this amazing showcase of local arts, culture, and craftsmanship.
Phone: 867-777-8638

SUNRISE FESTIVAL

January 2011

INUVIK

The 24th annual celebration of the return of the sun to the community. Bonfire and fireworks on the Saturday closest to the sunrise.
Phone: (867) 777-8618
web: www.inuvik.ca

NORTHERN PERFORMERS FESTIVAL

January

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The Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) is proud to present its annual Northern Performers Festival, featuring established and emerging stars on the entertainment scene "north of 60."

Visit the NACC website for upcoming events.
www.naccnt.ca

ATTENTION: NWT ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING APPLICANTS

The NWT Arts Council deadline for funding proposals is February 28th each year. Please have all relevant information and supporting documents provided. For more information contact:

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5th ANNUAL YELLOWKNIFE FILM FESTIVAL CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 5th Annual Yellowknife International Film Festival 2011 is currently open for submissions. Submit your film or video before the September 30th early deadline and pay no fee! (Northern submissions only)

Regular deadline October 31st
Late deadline November 15th
WAB deadline November 30th

For more information contact Jeremy Emerson - Executive Director
Western Arctic Moving Pictures
Phone: (867) 766-2586
or visit www.wamp.ca for entry forms or submit online through www.withoutabox.com